

HERE AND THERE IN THE LEGISLATURE

Members Leave for Home, Few
Remain to Make Up Quorum
for Closing Day.

Although both branches of the Legislature are scheduled to meet at 12 o'clock today, the House will have no active legislation until after the recess, which begins at the close of today's session and continues until Wednesday, March 25th, at noon.

Only fifty-five members of the House responded to the roll call yesterday, and a dozen or more left for their homes in the afternoon or last night. From present indications there will be nothing like a quorum of either house.

Clerk of the House John W. Williams said yesterday that there would be a number of routine matters to be presented after the recess in order to wind up the session. He and his staff will be busy in the meantime, getting the papers of the House in shape for a final adjournment.

Food for the Squirrels.

In the comprehensive document appropriating the revenues of the State of Virginia, which has passed both houses, even the squirrels in the Capitol Square are not omitted. For their protection and feeding, and for the maintenance of the walks and trees, grass and shrubbery in the Capitol Square, \$1,500 is appropriated. To be expended under the direction of the Registrar of the Land Office. Under the same clause \$2,000 is set aside for repairing and keeping in order the public buildings, and the grounds around the Lee Monument, in Richmond.

The Capitol Square also gets \$10,000 for granite steps in place of the present wooden ones, for the permanent improvements to the grounds, and for repairs to the Capitol Building and portico.

To Equip Death Chamber.

For the erection of a death chamber at the State penitentiary and its equipment with an electric chair and machinery for the execution of capital cases, the sum of \$5,000 is appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the penitentiary authorities. Thereafter the gallows will be abolished.

More Blackstone Expense.

One of the amendments to the appropriation bill, tacked on by the Finance Committee, which has not yet been fully appreciated by members of the Legislature, is the sum of \$7,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the mileage of clerks, members and employees of the General Assembly on its return to Richmond to hear the Blackstone charges against the State. This amendment, which makes the mileage payable only to those "who shall be in actual attendance" on the further sessions of the Legislature.

For New Library Wing.

An addition to the State Library building is provided for in the appropriation bill, the sum of \$10,000 being set aside for this purpose, one-half payable this year and one-half in 1909.

The wing will be on the south side of the present structure. It will be three stories high, the first two floors being designated as the permanent library, and the third floor as the temporary exhibits at the Jamestown Exposition. Such other productions of the State as may from time to time be loaned to the State Library Department are also to be displayed, thus relieving the pressure for room in the Capitol building.

The Million for Better Roads.

Nearly \$5,000,000 is appropriated by the State for various forms of road improvement during the next two years. Under the Withers-Lassiter convict road act, \$5,000 is appropriated the first year and \$5,000 the second year, with the balance to be paid in certain grades of convicts and jail bills in work on the public roads at the expense of the State.

Under a special enactment, there is appropriated out of the resources of the second year, for State aid for the permanent improvement of public highways, the sum of \$250,000, making a total, not counting the labor of the convicts and the expense of their guards, of \$125,000. When this is added to the amount expended by the various counties for the support of the convict road force, for machinery, rock crushers, etc., in order to meet the cost of the road work, it will be seen that during the next two years the State of Virginia will spend more than \$1,000,000 on its roads.

Regulating Attorneys' Fees.

Mr. Rosewell Page, of Hanover, got through yesterday morning what will in all probability be the last bill passed by this Legislature. It regulates the fees to be paid to Commonwealth's attorneys who prosecute in misdemeanor cases. Under the present law the attorney for the Commonwealth is only allowed a fee in misdemeanor cases when a conviction is secured, but under the new enactment, which is designed to prevent the attorney from being paid for a case which is not a conviction or not. Felony cases are not changed by the new enactment, which is designed to prevent the attorney from being paid for a case which is not a conviction or not. Felony cases are not changed by the new enactment, which is designed to prevent the attorney from being paid for a case which is not a conviction or not.

Many Senators Off for Home.

The Senate will convene this morning at 12 o'clock, but only a few Senators will be present, as many have already left for their homes. Senator George W. Allen, of Stafford County, left for his home at 10 o'clock yesterday evening. Senator John W. Williams, of Loudoun County, left for his home at 11 o'clock yesterday evening. Senator John W. Williams, of Loudoun County, left for his home at 11 o'clock yesterday evening.

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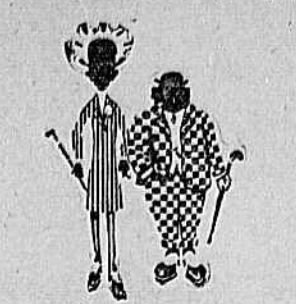
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We've both "stouts" and "slims" in Suits and Overcoats, but slims only in prices. \$22.50 and \$25 Suits are \$13.75.

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Jacobs & Levy

a train and a chill seized Holt upon the back of his neck. He was taken to the hospital, where he died.

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The inquiry, while not answered, was greeted with great applause. No reason for alarm.

Speaker Byrd said last night that he thought the House had been unnecessarily alarmed over the slight clerical errors in the conference report on the appropriation bill, which forced the bill to take a recess until this morning.

The bill could be verified. The Speaker said: "The bill was in the hands of Captain Baker, of Chesterfield, who succeeded Colonel Bowman as the leader of the House conferees. The short delay which the appropriation bill suffered on Tuesday was not the fault of Captain Baker or of any of the conferees. The mistake in the second conference report was due to an error of the stenographer of the conference committee, who inserted a word in certain portions of the first report which had been stricken out to remain in the typewritten copy of the second report. The mistake was corrected and occasioned but little delay, although to avoid any chance of error the whole report was checked by the conferees."

Cox Boomed for Speaker.

There was some interest near the closing hour of the House session by the revival of an old rumor, that Mr. J. M. Cox, of Richmond, would be Speaker of the next House. Mr. Cox was regarded by many as the closest competitor of Speaker Byrd, who, according to reports, is now looking for something higher. Delegate Spessard, of Craig county, took occasion before leaving for home to remind the delegates of the issues of the Richmond city delegate for the position. During the dull morning session more than one delegate assured Mr. Cox of his support should he be in the race.

To Enlarge Fortifications.

One of the last measures to secure the approval of both houses was a bill which permits the Federal government to acquire by condemnation thirty-one acres of land in the city of Richmond.

Proceedings in the House of Delegates

yesterday had an anti-climatic flavor, there being a bare quorum present. The morning session, in fact, on each roll call pages had to summon members from cloakrooms and lobbies to make up the constitutional number. The House adjourned at 12 o'clock, and the Senate resumed its session. The House resumed its session at 1 o'clock, and the Senate resumed its session at 1 o'clock.

Method of Procedure.

Mr. Stubbs, of Gloucester, introduced the following resolution: "That the Committee for Courts of Justice of the House and Committee for Courts of Justice of the Senate be directed to prepare and report to the General Assembly on March 25th the procedure and rules to govern the General Assembly while in session." The resolution was adopted.

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across of submerged land adjacent to Fortress Monroe. The land lies in the back water of Mill Creek, directly above the fort, and between the fortification and the water. The government reservation on the mainland. The ground, which is public property, is almost valueless, being too shallow for navigation and too high for oysters. The government will build a sea wall around the property, raising it above tide level, and will eventually expend about \$200,000 in improving and equipping it for military purposes. Barracks officers' quarters and offices are to be erected on this reclaimed land with a wireless telegraph station and target practice range.

Money for Colored School.

By the terms of the appropriation act, an institution for colored deaf and blind children in Virginia, which has had a theoretical existence for several years, will now become a reality. The school was created by an act of the last Legislature, which provided for the management and establishment of the institution. The necessary appropriation for carrying out the terms of the bill got lost in the shuffle. That this was literally the case was shown by a conference report being found in the clerk's office after the session adjourned, providing an appropriation for the institution. A friendly suit was brought by the patron, Mr. Houston, against the Governor and clerk of the House, to have the appropriation restored to the bill, but was later withdrawn. The board of visitors was appointed, however, and preliminary steps taken for the establishment of the school.

The members of the board are John L. Williams, G. E. Earrick, John Stewart, Bryan, W. C. Walker, and Harry R. Houston. The location of the school is to be selected by this board, which will also select a superintendent. The present appropriation carries \$10,000, which is available this year, for the purchase of farm and buildings, and in the appropriations for 1909 there is \$10,000 for buildings and \$5,000 for support.

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pecially investigate, examine and report on the various questions relative to the Bayley survey, and upon any changes which may be advisable in the laws regarding natural oyster rocks.

No Working Quorum.

Judge Martin Williams, of Giles, said that a bill passed by the House for the taxing of vessels having pilotage privileges had been carried by the Senate amendments. The bill was amended by the Senate to place a tax on shippers of coal and other commodities not at present under the pilotage laws.

After discussion by Mr. Churchman and others the House refused to concur in the Senate amendments, and a number of conferees were asked, which will probably result in the defeat of the measure.

The House passed a number of House amendments to the bill, but when an effort to call up the telegraph bill was made, so many left the hall that the quorum was broken, and the House adjourned at 12 o'clock. The afternoon session occupied but a few moments, during which Speaker Byrd signed a number of bills to be sent to the Governor.

The House adjourned to meet tomorrow at 12 o'clock.

Some Late Bills Passed.

Among the bills which came back to the House yesterday morning with amendments were the following, which now go to the Governor for his signature:

To appoint a matron in jails of cities of over 40,000 people.

Regulating the fees of coroner in cases of autopsy.

In relation to the duties of the Superintendent of Public Printing.

A bill relating to office judgments, amending section 232 of the Code, in which a comma was out of place in the printed copy, necessitating an amendment.

A road bill for Caroline county.

Pharmacy bill, regulating the sale of drugs.

Appropriation to the Laurel Reformatory. Regulating the period of labor for those jail prisoners sentenced to work on the roads, and requiring judges and magistrates to notify the superintendent of the penitentiary of the sentence.

To provide for the distribution of certain State publications.

Increasing the fees of Commonwealth's attorneys in certain cases.

SENATE

So far as legislation is concerned, the session of the Senate of 1908 is over. When that body met yesterday morning an effort was made to resume business, but it was soon found that the quorum was not present.

Senator Sims called up the bill submitting to the voters of Richmond the question of establishing the Torrens system of land registration, and while it was known that the measure was opposed by certain members, no vote to the contrary was recorded, the members of the Senate adjourned.

The House communicated that the amendments to the pilots bill, fixing a tax of \$100 on coal shippers, had not been passed, and therefore it will be impossible for the Senate to rescind its action on the amendment, which was tacked on at the last hour Tuesday night.

A resolution was received from the House directing the Committee for Courts of Justice of both bodies to formulate and report, upon a measure to amend the procedure and rules to govern the Assembly while considering the proceedings against Judge J. W. G. Blackstone.

The measure was transacted, and after waiting vainly for a quorum to act upon the Torrens bill, on motion of Senator King, the Senate adjourned until 12 o'clock today.

ALLEGED FIREBUG CAUGHT.

Bloodhound Runs Down Negro Charged with House-Burning.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BOYDTON, VA., March 11.—Some time yesterday an incendiary burned to the ground the residence of Mr. Boydton, who lives three or four miles from Baskerville Depot, on the Southern Railroad. Mr. Gordon immediately wired "Hurricane" Branch for his famous bloodhound, "Tiger, Jr."

Mr. Branch responded promptly, and the dog, which is now looking for him, reached Boydton this morning. The trail was taken up and James Spencer, a negro, was captured.

Mr. Gordon is a large land-owner, and has quite a number of tenants on his estate.

PATROLMAN INVESTIGATED.

Charged With Neglect of Duty in Allowing Jacobs to Jump from Window.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., March 11.—The board of control today heard evidence against Patrolman Edwards, charged with gross negligence in allowing a man named Jacobs to jump from the window of the latter's room, and declared it was only for a moment that he was made ill by the fumes of drugs, and that he had no intention of committing suicide.

The board reserved its decision.

Vaughan Is Acquitted.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FRIDDERICKSBURG, VA., March 11.—The case of James Vaughan, Jr., colored, transferred from Stafford county to the Corporation Court here, charged with stealing a box of money and stamps from Pyke & Herring, at Widewater, last summer, resulted in a verdict of acquittal. Three brothers were indicted in this theft, and the other two are yet to be tried here.

FIRE IN CHURCH.

Handsome Structure in Raleigh Abblaze, But No Serious Damage.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 11.—Fire was discovered about 11 o'clock this morning in the furnace-room of the First Baptist Church. Prompt response to the alarm and effective work of the fire department extinguished the flames in a few very minutes, so that the damage by smoke to the church will be very slight. It was only a few minutes ago that the congregation spent nearly \$30,000 in the enlargement and interior decoration of the church, making it decidedly the handsomest and most capacious in the city.

GOVERNOR ORDERS TROOPS TO PROTECT THE SWEDES

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 11.—Governor Glenn today ordered the Washington (N. C.) military company to be subject to the authority of the Sheriff of the county for the protection of a band of immigrant Swedes, who were recently located here.

Last night and several of them badly beaten by a party of masked men, believed to have been of the lawless element, and there was a threat that there would be further demonstration to-night.

NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Southern Machinists Hold Secret
Meeting to Discuss New
Order of Company.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch.

No. 1102 Hull Street.

With regard to the further curtailment in the number of employees at the Southern Railway shops here, it was learned from Washington yesterday that shops of the Southern were similarly affected at Atlanta and other cities in the South. In fact, the shops at Atlanta were said to have closed down, which was accounted for by reason of the need of equipment of the road. Current repairs to locomotives and other rolling stock will be continued as usual, but the great and general falling off of railroad activities is said to have necessitated less equipment and to be primarily responsible for the slackening down in the shops.

A large meeting of machinists was held at Ellett's Hall, on Fifth, between Marshall and Clay Streets, in Richmond, yesterday morning to consider the action of the Southern Railway in laying off 150 men employed in the machine, boiler and blacksmith departments of the shops at Manchester, with a view to determining whether such action should be looked upon as a shut-down or a lockout. It was passed a resolution that the shops should be organized, whereby the shops desired to reduce the scale in some departments from 31 to 25 cents an hour.

This was said by some to be a probable solution of the difficulty, as the men had strenuously opposed such a move. The meeting was held in a hall closed doors and was largely attended. The